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ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1928 hrs. by President, Robert Turkington. Motion was made/seconded (Robertson/Kerr) to accept the minutes from the May 30, 2017 Association Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- The Third Quarter 2017 Report reflects income of \$3,527 and expense of \$1,100. The expense was for the Boston Bus rental which was reimbursed through ticket sales. Checkbook balance as of 7/31/17 is \$18,177. Toys for Tikes Ameriprise Accounts show a balance of \$32,655 and checkbook of \$6,765.

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Maguda) to accept the Treasurer Report as presented.

Communications & Bills:

- Thank you cards were received from the Taylor family for our donation to Pam's services, and the Robertson family for the fruit basket sent upon the passing of Dana's mother.
- An additional donation was received on behalf of Gloria Schambach. Letter of thanks has been sent.

Good & Welfare:

- Dick Bowman reported the Chief was able to provide new grave markers and flags for future use.

Toys for Tikes:

- Diane reported the committee will begin this year's toy activities in October. It was also noted that steps will be taken to purchase additional toys for 9-12 category. She is looking for gift ideas for this age group for items in the \$10-\$15 range.

Charitable Funds Committee: Nothing to report

Department Gala:

- The 2018 event will be hosted by ET-441.

Comedy Show:

- The event will not be planned in 2017.

Department Picnic:

- The family picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, September 16th, at Camp Newhoca. The mayor was able to secure \$1,500 for the event. This will be a free event for all attendees. Each company is asked to bring 1 raffle gift. Volunteers will be needed for set up and clean up. The sign up list will be provided to Captains at the Staff Meeting. See attached.

Recognition Walkway:

- Jean Gauthier reported that brick sales have begun. It is anticipated that construction will begin by September.

With regards to the walkway project, Chief Eppler feels it would be fitting for all of the past Fire Chiefs of the Rockville, Vernon and Town of Vernon Fire Department to have a brick with their name placed on the walkway. He is looking for the Association to approve "selling" those bricks at cost to an "anonymous" donor or donors who will pay for the bricks. In this manner, the Association is not spending (or in effect losing) money on the fundraiser itself but helping honor the past Chiefs of the department. It was suggested that Don Maguda, Dick Bowman and Bill Graugard may be able to assist with identification of earlier Chiefs.

Motion was made/seconded (Hammick/Fischer) to approve the Chief's recommendation.
Motion carried.

Department Bus Trip:

- Diane Carpenter reported that a great time was had by all. Even though the bus was not filled, a small profit was made for the Association.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- The recent event held for Dr. Daniels at Camp Newhoca was a huge success. We received a \$1,000 donation for our efforts. Thanks to those who assisted.
- Central Supply has a limited number of the old Vernon Fire Dept. Uniform patches (used). They will be for sale and \$1.00 each at central supply during normal hours. Cash only, and exact change. Proceeds will go to the Firefighters Assoc.
- The fire department will again be sponsoring a co-ed Fall softball team. Games will be played on Sundays. Please contact Jonathan Bush or Jessica Call if interested in playing.


Upcoming Event:

- National Night Out will be held on August 1st at St. Bernard's Church from 5:00 – 8:00. R-141, E-441, and T-541 will attend. Help is needed. Class C or appropriate attire is requested.
- Vernon PD will be participating in Tip a Cop to support the Jimmy Fund – Dana Farber Cancer Center at the 99 Restaurant on 8/2/17 from 1700 – 2100.
- Friendlies Family Fun Day Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, August 12th all day. 20% of proceeds from those presenting vouchers will be donated to the VVFA. Please come out and support the Association. Vouchers are available tonight and will be emailed to all members. Members are urged to share the vouchers with friends and family to help the Association achieve a large donation.
- Camp Dash for water slide at Henry Park is planned for 8/11/17. ET's and pump operators are needed.
- Car Show will be held on 8/19/17 at the Tolland Agriculture Center on Route 30 from 9:00-2:00. E-441 will attend. Additional apparatus and people are needed.
- E-441 Mohegan Sun bus trip will be held November 18th. Additional details to follow.

Good of the Order: None

Motion was made/seconded (Fischer/Manseau) to adjourn the meeting at 20:00.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Carpenter".

Diane Carpenter, Secretary